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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 1471

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP(KISSINGER, HENRY A.) PFOR, GT

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO GUATEMALA

REF: SECTO 04081 AND SECTOR 04082

1. FULLY APPRECIATE PRESSURES ON SECRETARY WHICH LED TO CONSIDERATION
OF POSSIBILITY OF ELIMINATING SEPARATE BILATERAL FOR FOREIGN MINISTE
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MOLINA IN SAN JOSE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT MOLINA WILL BE
COMING BACK TO GUATEMALA ON SECRETARY'S PLANE.

2. I STRONGLY URGE, NONETHELESS, THAT THE SECRETARY MAINTAIN BILATERAL
WITH MOLINA. FOR MOLINA TO MAKE THE TRIP ALL THE WAY TO SAN JOSE
(HE PLANS TO LEAVE MONDAY, MORNING THE 23RD AND SPEND THE NIGHT
THERE) AND NOT TO HAVE ANY BILATERAL WITH THE SECRETARY WOULD CREATE
SERIOUS PROBLEMS NOT ONLY WITH THE GOG BUT WITH PUBLIC OPINION.
MOREOVER, IT WOULD INEVITABLY START THE SECRETARY'S VISIT HERE ON A
SOUR NOTE. IN FACT, I WOULD BE SURPRISED IF THE FOREIGN MINISTER
WOULD NOT CANCEL HIS TRIP TO SAN JOSE ENTIRELY.

3. I APPRECIATE THE LOGIC BEHIND YOUR SUGGESTIONS BUT DO
HOPE THE BILATERAL MEETING CAN BE PRESERVED IN VIEW OF THE
ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT BILATERAL
CALLS WILL NOW PRESUMABLY BE LIMITED TO 20 MINUTES(PER REFTEL B).
BY THE SAME TOKEN, HOWEVER, I DO NOT THINK IT NECESSARY FOR THE
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SECRETARY TO SPEND MUCH TIME WITH MOLINA ON THE FLIGHT TO

GUATEMALA. MOST THE TIME ON THE PLANE COULD PROFITABLY BE
USED FOR MOLINA TO TALK WITH ROGER, FISHLOW, EINAUDI AND
OTHERS.
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